



Multimodal Transportation Commission Minutes

**Regular Meeting
May 25, 2016**

Attending:

Commission Members: Bruce Emory, Chair, Terri March, Vice-Chair; Philip Lenowitz, Till Dohse, Mary Weber, Don Kostelec, Jim Grode, Kim Roney, Rich Lee, and John Ridout.

Commission Members Absent: Kristy Carter

Council Liaison: Absent

Staff Members: Mariate Echeverry, Kelly Whitlock, Elias Mathes, Lucy Crown, Vaidila Satvika, Monica Prysock

Community Members: Sabrah nha Raven, Ken Deene

Called Meeting To Order: Bruce Emory opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

May 25, 2016 – Agenda: Commission members Till Dohse approved Agenda, commission member Mary Weber second-all approved.

April 27, 2016 – Regular Meeting Minutes: Commission members Till Dohse approved and Mary weber second-all in favor.

Public Comment I: None

Presentations: Sidewalk Maintenance Chad Bandy; Neighborhood Sidewalks-attached-Walter Ear; River to Ridge – Lucy Crown

Unfinished Business:

1. Management Company RFP: Mariate Echeverry asked the commission members to endorse the evaluation committee members' recommendations to enter into a contract with First Transit. This recommendation will be presented to Council on June 14th. After brief discussion to address the recommendation of First Transit by the evaluation committee given prior concerns about their previous contract, Commission member Till Dohse moved to approve and John Ridout second, most members all in favor; Kim Roney opposes-motion carries.
2. AIM Update – Mariate Echeverry stated that Council adopted this plan unanimously last week. Planning will be on future agenda.
3. I-26 – Bruce Emory- A group working to address issues. Pleased that the community was heard. Specific time frame for determining details has not been established, i.e. for number of lanes to be added.
4. Budget-Mariate Echeverry-Request for another bus for S3; additional hours and an added position were added to the budget. This year transit will have an increase of \$900K.
5. Transit Service to Reynolds-Mariate Echeverry-Reynolds group is requesting transit service to Reynolds. Potential ridership, need, transportation for children to go to activities. A comprehensive analysis was done by volunteers as outlined in packet and presented to Buncombe County Commissioners and to City Council. Staff is now preparing preliminary options to give to City Manager.

New Business:

RADTIP Update-Mariate Echeverry- They are in a big push to get everything finished to be able to sign the agreement with FHWA for the TIGER funds by June 30th. Construction documents ready, waiting for Greenway, French Broad River West to get finished with drawings. A section on Town Branch is been completed. Walter Ear- Designs are done, relying on outside agency for help. French Broad, Greenway, etc.

Sidewalk Maintenance Presentation-Chad Bandy

[Website\Sidewalk Maintenance.pdf](#)

What's funded? Anything outside of city limits where we are spending most of our funding on. This year we are looking to schedule our sidewalk maintenance around school areas.

Where we're at? As of May 15th we have 186 sidewalks-115

Priority One issues-severe damage, ADA issues

Priority two-56 less severe, preventative maintenance

Priority Three 18, very low risk of further damage or risk

ADA issues are being addressed. They will address the priority one issues first. Committee members brought up concerns regarding ADA, how work orders are generated/created, curb cuts, etc.

Neighborhood Sidewalks-Walter Ear

[Website/MMTC 2016May25 Neighborhood Sidewalks Initial Construction Feasibility Assessment \[Read-Only\].pdf](#)

Walter Ear Presented to the MMTC.

Committee members asked for clarification and raised concerns regarding exact sections to be targeted; were fatalities researched along with other issues that would cause concern with others. Committee Chair Bruce Emory asks about splitting up some of the long projects. Chad stated that there will be a meeting with Mariate and Bruce to see what projects could be split up. Mariate suggest reconvening the Neighborhood Sidewalk Subcommittee to assist staff in determining which projects to move forward.

While waiting for next presentation, Chair Member Bruce Emory announces upcoming seats on committee that are available; June 8th is deadline. Bruce Emory and Vice-Chair Terri March will be continuing but Jim Grode's position will be opened. Mariate stated that the commission needs to outreach to try to get more diversity.

River Ridge-Lucy Crown- Lucy Crown gave a brief presentation about the greenway projects that will be constructed in the near future.

[..\..\GREENWAY COMMISSION-COMMITTEE\1 - FY16 - Greenway Committee Meetings\Greenway Projects.pdf](#)

Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee -Mariate Echeverry states that there are two workshops for roughly 17 months and that Commission member is needed to be on committee. However, she is not sure if only one member or more could join. Rich Lee and John Ridout are potential candidates. Application process for the three seats are "At-Large" seats in addition to other seats. Rich Lee and John Ridout are both are interested in AT-Large seats. Jim Grode states that Rich has been on many seats and John on less, perhaps it could be evened out. John Ridout was recommended for seat.

STP-DA -ME –This has already gone to council. Funds come from highway administration and selected by MPO. Staff is asking for complete streets on Lexington Ave., Coxe Ave. and Biltmore Ave. that will connect through the greenway connectors to the River Arts District and the neighborhoods in the south slope and south side. TDA grant application and proposed parking garage. ME-requested endorsement from committee-Rich lee motioned-Don K. second-all in favor

Announcements: None

General Committee Updates:

1. Transit Committee – No fare increases planned.
2. Greenway Committee – None
3. Bike/Ped Task Force – None
4. Planning and Zoning Commission – None
5. Neighborhood Advisory Committee – None

Staff Updates: Review of MMTC Goals: None

Public Comment II:

Meeting Adjourned: 5:02 pm